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At 0155 hours seven kilometers southwest of GO DA HA (XT350190) B Troop, 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry combined with C Company, 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry received ten 107mm rockets and an unknown amount of small arms, automatic weapons, RPG, and 75mm fire resulting in two US killed and seven wounded. The defenders returned the fire with small arms, automatic weapons, M-79, gunships, artillery, and "Spooky". This resulted in 15 NVA's killed and three prisoners-of-war. In addition 35 hand grenades, 15 rounds of RPG-7 ammunition and 11 rounds of RPG-2 ammunition were destroyed. Three AK-47 rifles were captured.

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27 January

In the 1st Brigade area of operations, at 0950 hours five kilometers southeast of TAY NINH (XT287488) the Flame Platoon, 4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry destroyed one round of RPG-2 ammunition. At 1125 hours 12 kilometers east of TAY NINH (XT360475). A Company, 4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry along with the 65th Engineer destroyed one round of 60mm ammunition. At 0945 hours 12 kilometers northwest of GO DA HA (XT257309), B Company, 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry destroyed two rounds of 105 ammunition. At 1340 hours this same unit near the same location (XT269322) along with the 65th Engineer destroyed 10 hand grenades, three RPG-2 rounds and one M-72 IAW. At 1610 hours 12 kilometers south of TAY NINH (XT143386) C Company (LOH), 3rd Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry received an unknown number of small arms rounds. Returning the fire with a light Fire Team and an Air strike resulted in two enemy killed.

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In the 2nd Brigade area of operations, at 1155 hours four kilometers west of the MUSHROOM (XT538302) the CRIP, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry engaged two enemy with small arms and automatic weapons fire resulting in one enemy killed and one wounded enemy taken prisoner. At 1503 hours eight kilometers south of TRANG BANG (XT449113) C Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry detonated one booby trapped round of 60mm ammunition resulting in one US wounded. At 1553 hours this same unit in the same general area (XT449132) destroyed one booby trapped 105mm round. At 1215 hours six kilometer west of TRANG BANG (XT482258) A Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry engaged two enemy with small arms and automatic weapons resulting in two enemy killed.

In the 3rd Brigade area of operations at 0110 hours the DAU TIENG (XT490479) received fire. Twenty two rounds of 82mm, four rounds of 75mm and an unknown amount of small arms came in resulting in one US killed, three were wounded.

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28 January

There was little activity in the 1st Brigade area of operations.

In the 2nd Brigade area of operations at 0050 hours five kilometers east of BOA TRAI (XT574044), B Company, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry received and unknown number of small arms and RPG fire resulting in two US killed and four wounded. They returned the fire with small arms, automatic weapons, 81mm mortars, artillery, light Fire Teams and counter mortar resulting in one enemy killed, 200 rounds of small arm ammunition, three hand grenades, four rifle grenades and seven RPG-2 rounds destroyed. At 1110 hours six kilometers north-east of DUC HOA (XT625018) E Company, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry engaged one enemy with hand grenades killing one enemy. In addition one AK-47 rifle,

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one M-16 rifle, and 15 pounds of documents were captured. This same unit at the same location (XT546073) at 1330 hours engaged two enemy with hand grenades resulting in two enemy killed and one hand grenade destroyed. At 1330 hours 3.5 kilometers northeast of BOA TRAI (XT546073) the 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry received two Hoi Chanhs.

At 1128 hours six kilometers southwest of TRANG BANG C Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry destroyed two booby trapped hand grenades and one booby trapped round of 60mm ammunition. At 1310 hours eight kilometers southwest of TRANG BANG the Scout Platoon, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry, captured 100 pounds of explosives (TNT).

At 1000 hours five kilometers southwest of CU CHI Base Camp (XT610118), A Company (Tank), 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor detonated one anti-tank mine resulting in one moderately damaged tank. At 1315 hours six kilometers northeast of CU CHI Base Camp (XT696208), CRIP, 2nd Battalion, 34th armor destroyed six rounds of RPG-2 ammunition and three rounds of 82mm ammunition. In addition one SKS carbine was captured.

At 1145 hours seven kilometers northeast of TRANG BANG (XT546239), C Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry apprehended three prisoners-of-war and destroyed three hand grenades. At 1150 hours eight kilometers northeast of TRANG BANG (XT556249), A Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry located eight dead enemy and destroyed one round of 8" ammunition and one round of 81mm ammunition. D-12

In the 3rd Brigade area of operations at 0945 hours nine kilometers northwest of BAO DON A and C Companies, 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry (Mechanized), received an unknown amount of small arms fire, automatic weapons and RPG rounds resulting in two US killed, two US wounded and one APC destroyed. They returned the fire with small arms, automatic weapons, and light Fire Team, artillery, and air strikes. One 51 caliber machine gun, two RPG-2 rocket launchers, four AK-47 rifles, one light machine gun and three M-16 rifles were destroyed. One AK-47 rifle, one RPG-2 rocket launcher, and one light machine gun were captured. At 1155 hours two kilometers east of THANH AN (XT555382), D Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry destroyed 1,500 pounds of rice and one telephone (TA31) was captured. AC 2-22  
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29 January

In the 1st Brigade area of operations there was no significant action to take place.

In the 2nd Brigade area at 1145 hours three kilometers northwest of TRANG BANG (XT470210) C Company, 65th Engineers detonated one anti-tank mine resulting in one moderately damaged bulldozer.

In the 3rd Brigade area of operations at 1425 hours four kilometers northwest of BAO DON (XT357380) C Company, 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry captured 2 RPG-2 rocket launchers, one 30 caliber machine gun, two M-16 rifles, and one 60mm mortar. They destroyed 18 rounds of RPG-2 ammunition, 900 rounds of small arms ammunition and five rounds of 82mm ammunition. At 2004 hours C 2-22

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three kilometers northeast of BAO DON (XT456378) A Company, 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry engaged one enemy with small arms and automatic weapons resulting in one wounded enemy soldier. *A 2-22*

30 January

In the 1st Brigade area of operations, B Company, 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry destroyed two hand grenades, 100 rounds of small arms ammunitions and five pounds of documents were captured, all this took place 11 kilometers northwest of GO DA HA.

At 1313 hours one kilometer southwest of TRANG BANG (XT442117), D Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry captured 39 rounds of 82mm ammunition. At 1417 hours 5.5 kilometers southeast of TRANG BANG (XT446144) B Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry destroyed two booby trapped hand grenades.

At 0012 hours 200 meters north of BA BEP Bridge (XT782136) an APC of the 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor engaged one sampson with a Light Fire Team resulting in one sampson destroyed. At 0929 hours 1.5 kilometers northeast of BAU DIHN (XT574178) B Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry (Mechanized) detonated one anti-tank mine resulting in one damaged APC.

In the 3rd Brigade area of operations, 4.5 kilometers northeast of GO DA HA (XT405295) CRIP, 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry (Mechanized) received an unknown number of small arms ammunition rounds and RPG fire. One US was wounded and two APCs were destroyed. Returning the fire with small arms automatic weapons, artillery, and a Light Fire Team two enemy's were killed. At 1500 hours 8.5 kilometers northwest of BAO DON, C Company, 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry (Mechanized) located five enemy bodies. *CRIP 2-22*  
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At 0950 hours FSB MALONE (XT538375) received 30 rounds of 82mm fire resulting in one US killed and one US being wounded. At 1115 hours 1.5 kilometers southeast of THANH AN (XT544610) C Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry located one enemy dead and one claymore mine. *Malone*  
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31 January

In the 1st Brigade area of operations at 1300 hours 13 kilometers northeast of TAY NINH (XT365546) B Company, 4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry (Mechanized) destroyed seven rounds of 60mm ammunition.

In the 2nd Brigade area of operations at 1200 hours three kilometers south of BAO TAI (XT524014) C Company, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry detonated one booby trapped hand grenade resulting in one US wounded. At 1330 hours in the same vicinity (XT522017) the same company destroyed four rounds of 82mm ammunition.

At 1155 hours eight kilometers southwest of TRANG BANG (XT439134), B Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry located one dead enemy. At 1340 hours this same unit located five kilometers south of TRANG BANG (XT448111) detonated one

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booby trapped hand grenade resulting in one US wounded. At 1030 hours four kilometers northeast of CU CHI Base Camp (XT761182) CHIF, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry located two dead enemy and destroyed 10 rounds of RPG-7 ammunition, two rounds of RPG-2 ammunition, 450 rounds of small arms ammunition and they captured one 60mm mortar. At 1420 hours five kilometers northeast of the CU CHI Base Camp (XT695205) this same unit captured one 82mm mortar, three rounds of 82mm ammunition, one round of RPG-2 ammunition and one hand grenade.

At 1145 hours 6.5 kilometers southeast of BAO DON (XT497307), A Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry received an unknown number of small arms fire, <sup>A 2-12</sup> but no casualties were suffered. They returned the fire with small arms, and air strikes resulting in one NVA killed, and one wounded NVA taken prisoner. They destroyed 600 pounds of rice and captured one AK-47 rifle, one pistol, one carbine, six bicycles and two pounds of documents.

In the 3rd Brigade area of operations, at 2051 hours three kilometers west of DAU TIENG (XT450458) B Company engaged unknown number of enemy with small arms and automatic weapons resulting in one enemy being killed and one AK-47 rifle was captured. <sup>B?</sup>

- C. Combat Aviation Support Operations. See TAB H,
  - D. Personnel. See TAB C,
  - E. Principle Command and Staff. See TAB C,
  - F. Organization. See TAB E,
  - G. Training. See TAB E,
  - H. Intelligence and Security See TAB D,
  - I. Logistics See TAB's F and G?
  - J. G-5 Activities. See TAB G,
  - K. Signal Activities. See TAB J,
  - L. Engineer Activities. See TAB I,
2. (C) Section 2, Lessons Learned: Commander's Observations, Evaluations, and Recommendations.
- A. Personnel.
    - (1) Personnel and administration, See TAB C, page 3.
    - (2) Personnel replacement/departure, See TAB I, page 3.
    - (3) Promotions to E-5 and E-6. See TAB I, page 3.

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(4) Combat Engineer soldiers desire and deserve a badge similar to the CIB for their branch. See TAB I, page 3.

(5) Ammunition qualified personnel. See TAB K, page 16.

(6) Difficulty of obtaining some MOSs. See TAB O, page 1.

(7) Maximum number of personnel forward. See TAB O, page 1.

### B. Operations

(1) Control of UG-1 Door Gunners. See TAB H, page 1.

(2) Assault trackway. See TAB I, page 3.

(3) Bulldozers in heavy dust. See TAB I, page 3.

(4) Tanks authorized to Combat Engineer Units. See TAB I, page 4.

(5) Armored or heavy vehicle should precede the command  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton vehicle. See TAB I, page 4.

(6) Some vehicles should be equipped with a 50' rope and grappling hook. See TAB I, page 4.

(7) Flank security for mine sweeps. See TAB I, page 4.

(8) Routs and time tables. See TAB I, page 4.

(9) Fire and Maneuver. See TAB I, page 4.

(10) Rome Plow operations. See TAB I, page 4.

(11) Delays in C-71 (Aircraft) in the Division TAOR. See TAB K, page 16.

(12) Capability in minimizing damage and loss. See TAB K, page 16.

(13) Salvage Collection Operations. See TAB K, page 17.

(14) Enemy Booby Traps. See TAB M, page 1.

(15) Control of supporting Arms. See TAB M, page 1.

(16) Movement of AECs. See TAB M, page 2.

(17) Dismounted Movement. See TAB M, page 2.

(18) Security on Lager Sites. See TAB M, page 2.

(19) Highway Operations. See TAB M, page 2.

(20) Command and Control. See TAB N, page 1.